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British Imperialism and Commercial Supremacy. By VICTOR BERARD. Translated by H. W. Faskett. (New York: Longmans, Green and Company. 1906.)

This volume is a study of the issues raised by Mr. Chamberlain's attack on British free trade policy. M. Berard is the secretary of the *Revue de Paris*, and his works previously published are concerned with history and politics. The present work is written from the same points of view although it deals with an economic subject. In the preface which the author has furnished to the English translation he says: "I have combated with all my might that 'Brummagem' radicalism, builder of empire and destroyer of peoples." The purpose so frankly declared gives the keynote of the work and explains its remarkably opinionated style. It is a vigorously written treatise, but is clogged by the mass of material gathered as ammunition and not otherwise useful.

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The Secret of the Totem. By ANDREW LANG. (New York: Longmans, Green and Company. 1905. Pp. x, 215.)

This work is a sequel to the author's *Social Origins and Primal Law*, published three years ago. It restates and argues at length his theory of the origin of totemism advanced in the previous work, and incidentally reviews and criticises other theories: The problems presented by such institutions as totemism, exogamy, avoidances between kinsfolk, etc., are of immense importance as their solution will probably elucidate all social beginnings, clearing up much that is now obscure in the genesis of government and the nature of political authority. Unfortunately, nothing like any consensus of opinion among specialists in that field is yet apparent, and the various theories under consideration could hardly be understood except by those specialists. At present, it must suffice to express appreciation of the great service which Mr. Lang renders to those interested in results of anthropological research by the treatises he issues from time to time giving an account of the progress of observations and speculation in that field.

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